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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE EXPENSES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 9, 1859.

LOWELL:
S. N. MERRILL, PRINTER, 27 CENTRAL STREET.
1859.

REPORT.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
Westford, February 9, 1859.

THE Committee appointed to reckon and settle with Sherman D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement	$1,410 59
Cash borrowed	2,500 00
" Received of Isaac C. Day, Liquor Agent	41 28
" of Stony Brook Railroad Dividends	30 00
" of State School Fund	115 50
" of T. P. Wright, Collector, prior to Oct. 6, 1858	2,755 52
" " " " " to Dec. 6, 1858	800 11
" " " " after Dec. 6, 1858	1,530 97
Miscellaneous items	5 00
	$9,188 97

PAYMENTS.

Paid Caleb Wright's Note	$456 75	
John Osgood's Note	304 90	
Interest on Notes	213 00	
State Tax for 1858	497 00	
County Tax for 1858	874 09	
Overseers Poor	727 10	
Orders	2,917 64	
School Districts	1,573 36	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	1,625 13	
		$9,188 97

By the Law levying a Tax on Dogs, the Treasurer is required to keep a separate account of his receipts from that source. Your Committee find that he received prior to July 1, 1858, $12,00 from persons paying voluntarily, and since that date, from T. P. Wright, Collector, $63,00; making the

sum of $75,00. Your Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following persons, to wit:

Jesse Wright, two Notes	$602 37
Solomon Nutting's Note	525 75
Susanna Reed, Note	157 37
Joseph Hildreth, two Notes	441 73
Sally Adams, Note	104 13
Calvin Howard, Note	311 95
Otis Keyes, Note	368 25
Ira Leland, Note	236 58
Betsey P. Day, Note	439 37
J. W. P. Abbot, Guardian	1,515 00
	$4,702 50
School Districts	$1,453 60
Master at the Poor House	190 00
Outstanding Orders	54 09
Outstanding Claims estimated at	160 00
	$6,560 19

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasurer's hands	$1,625 13	
Five shares Stony Brook Railroad	500 00	
Dividend	7 50	
Amount of Tax for 1857, uncollected	41 55	
" " " 1858, "	90 00	
		$2,264 18
Balance against the Town		$4,296 01
Amount of Debt, 1858		2,873 34
Increase of Debt		$1,422 67

SOLOMON RICHARDSON, }
ALPHEUS J. REED, } COMMITTEE.

SHERMAN D. FLETCHER, TREASURER.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE Selectmen of the Town of Westford, for the year ending February 9th, 1859, submit the following Report:

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

S. D. Fletcher, Town Treasurer, 1857		$12 00
	entertainment furnished Committee	1 50
	paying State and County tax, 1857, and drawing School money	5 50
	paying State and County tax, 1858, and drawing School money	5 50
	Town Treasurer, 1858	12 00
	Committee to reckon with J. B. Fletcher, Liquor Agent	5 00
Jeremy B. Reed, attending 17 funerals		15 13
	returning deaths to T. Clerk	3 10
Louis H. Hildreth, going to Lowell about Morden's Case		1 50
	making out Selectmen's Report	5 00
	going to Groton for town reports	1 00
Brown & Son, printing town reports for 1857		11 50
Henry H. Fletcher, posting warrants at November meeting, 1857		1 00
	posting warrants at March meeting, 1858	1 00
	posting warrants at April meeting, 1858	1 00
J. W. P. Abbot, attending Town Clerk's meeting at Groton, 1857		3 00
	paid express on packages	0 93
	Town Clerk's salary, 1857	12 00
	Recording Births, Deaths and marriages	7 50
S. N. Merrill, printing blank Marriage Certificates		1 50
	printing 400 School Committee Reports	14 00
	printing notices and tax bills	9 25
D. C. Mead, services as School Committee, including getting report printed for 1857		23 00
J. B. Fletcher, entertainment for town officers, March		7 00
	Entertainment do. do. Nov.	4 00
Amonnt carried forward.		$163 91

Amount brought forward,	$163 91
G. W. Tuttle, School Committee, 1857	25 00
B. H. Penhallow, printing	1 38
First Parish, use of bell one year	7 50
Union Society, use of bell one year	7 50
Thomas Richardson, Liquor Agent	45 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher, paper postage, &c	2 92
Amos Day, work at West Burying Ground	5 00
Asia Nutting, work at North do. do.	9 48
Levi Snow, do. East do. do.	10 32
S. P. Wright, services as Police in 1857	3 00
Edward Symmes, running town line between Acton and Westford,	8 00
Cyrus Hamlim, rent of Pound for 1858	1 00
Caleb Wight, running town lines	7 00
Oliver Wright, running town line	1 00
Daniel Flagg, appraising property at Poor Farm	1 50
Edward Prescott, Committee to reckon with J. B. Fletcher	1 50
Zacheus Reed, appraising property at Poor Farm, 1857 and 1858	4 00
Committee to reckon with J. B. Fletcher	1 50
George T. Day, School Committee, 1857	21 00
Books furnished poor children	3 33
First Parish, rent of Hall and fuel	34 00
N. S. Hamblin, posting warrants in 1857	1 00
Assessing taxes five days	10 00
Running town lines	5 00
Selectman, 1858	5 00
Other services and money paid	3 75
Traders and Mechanics' Ins. Co., Premium on Policy	60 00
Jonas Prescott, assessing taxes 5 1-2 days	11 00
Running town line	1 50
Services as Selectman	5 00
J. W. P. Abbot, assessing taxes 24 1-2 days	49 00
Town Clerk, 1858	12 00
Selectman, 1858	5 00
Recording 52 Births, 34 Deaths, 10 Marriages,	14 80
Copying returns of marriages from other Town Clerks	5 00
Making out Report and getting it printed	5 00
Other services as by bill rendered	11 25
Thomas Richardson, taking down, repairing, making, painting and putting up 34 Guideboards	27 52
T. P. Wright, collecting Poll taxes	5 75
Per cent, for collecting, $1,530 52	76 53
	$678 94

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

John F. Wright, Surveyor District No. 18	$7 89
649 hours work on road in 1857	81 12
Stone for bridge	3 00
Gravel	6 00
J. F. Bannister, Surveyor District No. 5	10 00
John Richards, land damages	275 00
Calvert and Sargent, land damages	120 00
Lawrence and Read, in part making 156 rods road	440 00
N. S. Hamblin, Surveyor District No. 16	1 63
Jeremy B. Reed, making 71 rods road	48 28
Jacob B. Smith, land damages	25 00
Lorenzo Sweetser, land damages	7 50
George Hutchins, land damages	5 00
Moses F. Jewett, work and lumber	2 62
Jacob Smith, work on roads	12 00
Oren Coolidge jr., plank	5 13
James O'Brien, building stone bridge and work	5 00
J. W. P. Abbot, viewing letting out and accepting two town roads and examining other roads	8 00
N. S. Hamblin, like services	8 00
Time about Morden's claim	1 00
Putting up railing at Hamblet's mill	2 50
Putting up railing at the Forge,	2 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher, powder, etc	94
Thomas Richardson, work on the road	3 00
Abijah Fletcher, work on the road	21 94
P. Chamberlin, irons and sharpening tools	8 75
E. A. Harwood, 18 hours work	2 25
Levi T. Fletcher, poles for railing	3 00
Joshua Decatur, railing at Tadnic bridge	1 25
Asia Nutting, cutting brush and work	4 25
Wm. L. Brown cutting brush	20 12
Jonas Prescott, laying wall at Forge bridge	29 75
Viewing road on E. Bunce's petition	1 00
Getting stone posts for road bounds	1 50
Silas Lawrence, putting up railing P. House bridge	2 25
S. N. Burbeck, work on roads	12 66
48 loads of gravel	4 80
32 hours breaking out roads	3 20
C. Latham, surveying roads	7 10
	$1,204 43

SCHOOLS.

School District No. 1....	111	scholars	$226 18
2....	73	do.	174 69
3....	58	do.	154 36
4....	43	do.	134 04
5....	52	do.	146 24
6....	41	do.	131 33
7....	68	do.	167 92
8....	29	do.	115 07
9....	27	do.	112 36
10....	57	do.	153 01
	559		$1,515 20

Voted by the Town	$1,400 00
Received from State	115 50
Total	$1,515 50

Scholars in 1857,—553, and each scholar drew $3 02.
do. 1858,—559, do. do. do. 2 71.
Money raised in 1857, $1,600 00,—in 1858, $1,400 00.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

On Orders $727 10

POOR HOUSE BARN COMMITTEE.

On Orders $990 83

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

In 1857	$21 64
In 1858	78 91
	$100 35

VALUATION FOR 1858.

Real and Personal estate, $789,446. No. of Polls, 402. Rate, 57 cents on the $100.

SUMMARY.

Money raised for town debts and charges	$2,200 00
Schools	1,400 00
Amount carried forward,	$3,600 00

Amount brought forward,	$3,600 00	
Money raised for State Tax	497 00	
County Tax	874 09	
Overlayings	245 14	
H. Way, tax 1857 returned unworked	112 36	
Dog Tax	79 00	
		$5,407 59

ORDERED OUT.

Incidental Expenses	$678 94	
Roads and Bridges	1,204 43	
School Districts	1,515 20	
Overseers of the Poor	727 10	
Poor House Barn	990 83	
Abatement of Taxes	100 55	
		$5,217 05

Liabilities estimated as follows:

Incidental expenses	$160 00	
Master of Poor Farm	190 00	
		$350 00

J. W. P. ABBOT,
NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
JONAS PRESCOTT,
} SELECTMEN OF WESTFORD.

Report of the Committee to build a Barn at the Poor Farm.

The Committee submit the following Report,—

Amount drawn from the Treasury,....		$990 83
Payments made by the Committee,—		
Paid C. & D. Whitney, for lumber,..	$235 46	
D. C. Mead, for freight, ...	17 05	
Asia Nutting, for stoning cellar.....	132 85	
Michael Murphy, for work,.....	6 00	
Burbank & Chase,.....	13 52	
A. A. Davis, for building barn.....	340 59	
David P. Lawrence, for lumber,.....	36 55	
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for nails, &c.,.....	36 00	
George B. Hildreth, for painting,.....	6 50	
John B. Fletcher, for paints, lead, spikes, &c.,...	18 11	
T. A. Scott, for mason work..... ...	4 50	
Cyrus Hamblin, for moving old barn,.....	6 00	
S. P. Wright, for sawing lumber,.....	30 75	
Oren Cooledge, Jr., for plank,.	3 70	
Josiah Read, for cutting timber 7 days,.....	7 00	
William Read, for threshold for barn,.....	3 25	
Work loading logs on cars,.....	2 00	
Samuel Wiley, for drawing in logs at the mill,...	1 75	
N. S. Hamblin, for work cutting timber, and work at the mill 14 1-2 days,.....	18 12	
N. S. Hamblin, to services as Committee,.....	7 00	
T. P. Wright, blacksmith work for barn.....	32 20	
services as Committee...	4 00	
Charles L. Fletcher, for work and cash paid, and services as Committee,..... ..	28 30	
Work done on barn by master of Poor House,..... ..	70 00	
		$1061 29

NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
CHARLES L. FLETCHER, } Committee.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following Report for the support of the Poor from February 9th 1858, to February 9th 1859:

Amount of Personal Property at the Poor House, including Farming Tools, Stock, &c., as by the Appraisal of the Committee,—

February 9th, 1858,...		$1,525 20
" " 1859,.....		1,726 49
Gain on Personal Property,.....		$201 29
Income from the Farm as by George Read's books,—		
Received for Milk sold,..	$185 81	
Boarding A. A. Davis and others,.....	123 82	
Cow sold to Willis Wilder,...	22 00	
" " George W. Wood,.....	27 50	
" " Levi T. Fletcher,.....	15 00	
Calves,.....	44 00	
Apples,.....	26 27	
Hides and Tallow,.....	10 48	
Skewers,.....	8 35	
Beef sold.....	6 20	
Two Hogs,.....	38 80	
Eggs and Poultry,.....	16 05	
Ox work off the Farm,..... .	3 75	
Received as by George Read's books,.....	20 43	
		$548 46
Received Cash drawn from the Treasury,.....	727 10	
From the Overseers of last year,.....	15 14	
City of Lowell,.....	9 15	
From the State,.....	9 00	
		$760 39
Payments made by George Read,		
Paid S. & S. D. Fletcher for store goods,.....	$154 93	
J. B. Fletcher " " "..... .. .	28 90	
S. P. & F. Wright for meal,.....	14 74	
Samuel N. Woods " "..... ..	8 20	
Amount carried forward,		$206 77

Amount brought forward,	$206 77	
Paid William S. Conrey, for meat.....	15 88	
Alexander Billsendly, for work on the Farm,....	7 26	
H. P. Washburn, for work,..... .	2 50	
Charles Minor, " "	2 00	
Beriah Maynard, for work haying,.....	27 33	
Rodney Kenedy, for 6 months and 7 days work,.	75 22	
Ellen D. Leavett, for work in the house 17 w'ks 2 dy's	24 00	
Rachel Leavett, for 2 1-2 weeks work,.	3 75	
Mrs. Harris, for cleaning house,.....	3 00	
For a pair of boots for John Green,.....	3 00	
E. G. Bartlett, for a cow,.....	34 00	
Luther Wilkins, for potatoes,.....	2 04	
John Knowles, for blacksmithing,.....	2 40	
D. C. Mead, for goods,.....	19 84	
Mr. Price for blacksmithing,...	5 25	
Edward Prescott, making cider, 1857,.....	1 90	
" " " " 1858,.....	3 30	
E. A. Stevens, for hewing timber,..	1 25	
Amos Heyward, for one shoat,..... ..	9 75	
George T. Day, for two shoats,..... ...	11 76	
N. S. Hamblin, for one shoat,.....	5 50	
G. W. Wood, for meat,.	5 12	
" " " for butchering,.....	1 50	
For bush scythe.....	1 66	
For two casks,..	2 00	
Mrs. Ansel Davis, for robe for Mr. Green,.....	2 00	
" " " " " Betsey Hildreth,..	1 75	
Leonard Luce for attending two funerals,.....	2 00	
G. M. Rice, " one "	1 00	
Michael Murphy, for work on the Farm,.....	2 13	
" " " wharfing up barn cellar,....	4 80	
Levi T. Fletcher, for pasturing 3 cows,....	10 52	
John Cowley, for digging trench for barn cellar,..	6 25	
For two casks of lime, one of cement, and one bushel of hair used on barn cellar, ...	3 95	
George M. Childs, for 45 1-2 pounds of butter,...	10 00	
D. A. Dow, for medical attendance at the Poor House,	1 00	
Benjamin Osgood, " " " " "	1 25	
For two bushels potatoes,.....	1 33	
For repairing clock,.....	75	
George R. Moore, for filing saws,.....	67	
A. L. Davis, for fresh fish, ...	1 00	
For 11 pounds of lamb,..	83	
Repairing harness and shoeing horse,..... ..	1 38	
As by George Read's books,.....	22 91	
Into the Town Treasurer,..... ..	10 71	
		$564 41

Bills paid by the Overseers,—

Paid Dan'l E. Parker, for boarding Rob't Wilkerson 36 w'ks	18 00
For burial expenses and medical attendance,.....	11 25
Town of Medford Mrs. Scott,.....	8 00
D. A· Dow, for medical attendance on James Courier and family,.....	13 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for goods,.	20 65
William E Livingston, for plaster of paris,.....	4 62
Henry W. Crocker, for one year's services as Master at the Poor House,.....	225 00
Levi Howard, medical attendance on Mial Condrey year 1852,.....	2 00
John Perrey, for goods for Mrs. Foster,...	2 68
E. Fletcher, for one cow, ...	55 00
George W. Aldrich, for boarding Mrs. Levi Wright,	8 28
Samuel Wiley for a cow,..... ..	55 00
J. B. Fletcher, for goods,.....	8 97
John Knowles, blacksmithing,.....	8 88
Michael Murphy, for work,.....	8 00
Alfred Scott, for one of Frederick Scott's boys,...	20 00
Ephriam Wright, for two coffins.....	7 00
D. A. Dow, for medical attendance at the Poor House,	9 00
Amos Day, for digging two graves, ...	4 00
The city of Boston for the Kemp's,.....	17 50
Fisher & Leland, for two heifers,.....	51 60
John A. Allen, for Lucy Foster,.....	4 00
For meal and goods for Mrs. Jackson,.....	3 53
Levi T. Fletcher, for wood for Mrs. Jackson,....	3 00
Leland & Fisher, for meat for 1857, ...	46 91
" " " " 1858,..... ...	49 53
Town of Medford, for Mrs. Scott,.....	17 00
Cash paid Mrs. Scott to get clothes for her children,	6 00
Joseph B. Hildreth, pair of boots for Sam'l Richardson,	2 75
For a book for the Poor House,.....	42
Car fare for Mrs. Scott's boys from Medford,.....	90
A travelling Irishman,.....	25
For a letter by express,....	25
For printing advertisement,.....	1 00
For grave clothes for Mrs. Patch,.....	1 75
Joseph Hildreth, for making out Reports for 1857,	4 00
For loading four loads of hay,.....	1 00
For mending boots for S. Richardson,.....	30
For filing saws,..	20
Nathan S. Hamblin, for going to see about Mrs. Jackson,.....	75
For time spent hiring man at Poor Farm,.....	1 50
Amount carried forward,	$703 47

Amount brought forward,		$703 47
For going to Medford twice to see about Mrs. Scott, and to get her two boys,	6 50	
For time spent going to Tyngsboro', Chelmsford, Carlisle and other places to look up the settlement of Wm. Hill,	5 00	
For time spent, to send to State Almshouse, Daniel Flynn,	1 00	
For time spent in binding out Pushey girl,	50	
For making out return to the Secretary of State, respecting paupers,	2 00	
N. S. Hamblin, services as Overseer,	5 00	
William Read. " "	5 00	
Amos Hildreth, 2d," "	5 00	
		$733 47
Amount of Bills paid by George Read,	553 50	
Paid into the Treasurer,	10 71	
In the hands of the Overseers,	11 17	
		$1308 75

Statement of the expenses of the Poor above the income of the Farm for the year ending February 9th, 1859,—

Amount of cash drawn from the Treasury,		$727 10
From the Overseers of last year,		15 14
City of Lowell,		9 15
State for State Paupers,		9 00
		$760 39
Gain on Personal Property,	$201 29	
Cash in the Overseers hands,	11 17	
Due from Asia Nutting	13 22	
Henry A Hildreth,	54 46	
Eunice Prescott,	2 00	
Daniel Casey,	2 43	
Michael Murphy,	3 00	
For boarding men, and cash paid for materials and work on the new barn,	70 00	
		$357 57
Cost of supporting Poor exclusive of interest on the Farm,		$402 82

NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
WILLIAM READ,
AMOS HILDRETH, 2nd,
} Overseers of the Poor of Westford.

February 9th, 1859.